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DUFFY IS CALLED INTO BOETTCHER KIDNAPPING CASE

Aid of Holt County Sheriff Asked in Reaching the Gang's Hide-out.

Last Sunday night Sheriff Duffy received a message from Sheriff George Carroll, of Cheyenne, Wyoming, asking him to meet him at the early morning train at O'Neill on Monday morning. Pete was on hand as requested and Sheriff Carroll got off the train accompanied by Detective O'Donnell of the Denver police force and State Sheriff of Wyoming.

They informed Pete that they were on their way to Chamberlain South Dakota, to take into custody one of the men who had been implicated in the kidnapping of Charles Boettcher II, wealthy Denver broker, for whose safe return his father had paid the kidnapers \$60,000.00. The officers had been at Lusk, Wyoming, when they got word that one of the men they wanted was at or near Chamberlain, South Dakota, and as traffic was tied up in the hills with a snow blockade they came down here and drove over from here.

Sheriff Duffy took the men in his car and they left here for South Dakota shortly before daybreak Monday morning. They drove to Kimball, South Dakota, near where Sanky, who is said to be the head of the kidnaping gang, own a ranch. They went from Kimball to Chamberlain and got the sheriff of that county to accompany them and they then went to the Sanky ranch. Sanky was not at home but they placed the man who was there under arrest. The man arrested was Arthur Youngberg, 37, a former Canadian railwayer. He was taken into custody by the officers and then the building was thoroughly searched and the officers say they found positive evidence that it was the building in which the young Denver man had been held during his captivity. A cigarette hole burned in a rug and his finger prints liberally smeared on the walls, were found as he described them, and the strips of wood which were used to hold the window shades were all found as young Boettcher described them.

As Sanky was not at home a couple of the officers took the prisoner to Chamberlain where he was placed in the county jail for safe keeping. After making the arrest one of the officers called Denver and notified the officers of what they had found and three more officers from Denver flew to Mitchell, South Dakota, by airplane and the sheriff there took them in a car to Chamberlain. They reached Mitchell about 7 o'clock in the evening, and reached Chamberlain shortly before midnight. On their arrival at Chamberlain they went to the county jail to interview Youngberg and found him with his face all covered with blood, and deep gashes in his throat and neck, that he had made with an old safety razor blade in an attempt to commit suicide. A physician was called and he was patched up and a guard placed over him. Tuesday morning Detective Captain William J. Armstrong, of the Denver police force, who was one of the officers who flew to South Dakota from Denver and Sheriff Duffy left Chamberlain and brought the prisoner to this city and he was here for a few hours that afternoon and was the center of interest. Sheriff Duffy took the detective and his prisoner to Grand Island Tuesday afternoon where they caught a night train for Denver, the Sheriff returning home Wednesday. The officers had intended taking Youngberg to Denver by air but after the attempt he made upon his life they decided they had better stay closer to the ground with him.

It is reported that Youngberg confessed his part in the kidnaping to Detective Armstrong and said that he was Boettcher's guard during his confinement.

There are a half a dozen officers still in South Dakota waiting for the return of Sanky. This morning's dailies carried a story to the effect that a letter had been intercepted from him and that he was then in Minneapolis. The officers are of the opinion that he is trying to dispose of the ransom money for fear that it was marked.

A couple of women and a man in Denver are also under arrest and charged with having been implicated in the kidnaping.

A \$25,000 reward has been offered for the arrest and conviction of the

kidnappers and Sheriff Duffy will probably come in for a share of this when the division is made.

Kidnaping has been one of the easiest ways for gangsters to get money in recent years, and the number apprehended for their crimes have been very few. So it is hoped that all of those involved in the Denver case will be speedily apprehended and convicted.

BANKS OF STATE CLOSE FOR 5 DAYS

Hope Held For Early Improvement In Situation.

Last Saturday morning the banks of this city, as well as the banks of every other city in the state, received a telegram from the state department of banking announcing that Governor Bryan had declared a three day bank holiday and about 11 a. m. the O'Neill banks closed in pursuance to the order.

The banking situation in other states made necessary a bank holiday in this state. The holiday applies to trust companies and safe deposit companies as well as banks. The state holiday began Saturday forenoon and was to end Tuesday evening.

Then on Monday President Roosevelt declared a national banking holiday to extend to Thursday evening, March 9, and unless a further holiday is declared the banks will open for business tomorrow morning.

President Roosevelt has called congress together in special session, to consider banking legislation, and they will convene at noon today.

Many men, prominent in the financial and business life of the nation are of the opinion that the bank holiday means the end of the depression and that when business starts on its even tenor that the trend will always be upward. Among the many measures advocated for the future of banking is that the government guarantee the deposits in banks. This, many believe, would tend to restore confidence and bring out of hoarding thousands of dollars that have been salted away by people since the depression started some three years ago.

Secretary Woods of the State banking department said Saturday morning that the situation in Nebraska did not warrant the holiday, but that the situation in other states and in reserve bank cities had forced it upon us.

After careful consideration of the matter as presented to him by banking authorities of the state, Governor Bryan Saturday morning issued the following proclamation:

Proclamation
Whereas an emergency in the banking situation exists that is nationwide in its scope and

Whereas it is necessary to protect all business and financial institutions in Nebraska against conditions which have developed thru the forced suspension by proclamation of banks in other states.

Now therefore I, Charles W. Bryan, Governor of Nebraska hereby proclaim Saturday, March 4, Monday, March 6, and Tuesday, March 7 legal holidays, during which time it shall be mandatory that the operation of all banks state and national, trust companies, safe deposit companies and affiliated institutions shall be suspended.

This order effective at once.
CHARLES W. BRYAN,
Governor.

Secretary Woods said that it should be emphasized that without troubles in other sections of the country and without moratoriums affecting the city correspondents of Nebraska banks, this proclamation would have been unnecessary.

Inability of Nebraska banks to receive support from their reserve agencies in the larger cities, because of holidays or restrictions on withdrawals which are general over the east, made action in Nebraska necessary. The pressure of the situation was beginning to be felt in Omaha, Lincoln, and other Nebraska cities.

It will be noted that the proclamation of the governor includes all state and national banks, trust companies, safe deposit companies and affiliated institutions. Similar proclamations by other governors have been issued in about thirty states. The holiday prevails over all the Pacific coast, many central states, and is general from Chicago east. In some of the states the rule applies only to the percentage of withdrawals, while in others the holiday is complete.

Action in Nebraska was determined after a conference of Nebraska bankers, important bank patrons and rep-

resentatives of the governor. The course as announced in the governor's proclamation was agreed upon after a long Friday night session in Lincoln and the proclamation issued by the governor reached the newspapers at 7 a. m. Saturday.

State officials and leading bankers expressed the belief that the Nebraska situation will be ironed out quickly and that a minimum of inconvenience will result.

SENATOR HOWELL STILL SERIOUSLY ILL

Senator R. B. Howell, of Nebraska, is seriously ill in the Walter Reed hospital at Washington, D. C., suffering from an attack of pneumonia.

AUGUST TRSHYNSKI

August Troshynski, one of the pioneers of this county, died at his home four and a half miles north of Emmet about 11 a. m. last Tuesday morning after an illness of several months, at the age of 79 years, seven months and seven days. The funeral was held this morning from the Catholic church at Emmet, Rev. M. F. Byrne officiating and interment in Calvary cemetery, this city.

Deceased was born at Scrotz, Germany, on July 30, 1853. He grew to manhood in his native land and then came to America and located in Indiana where he remained for a few years and then came to this county in the spring of 1881. After his arrival here he took a homestead north of Emmet, where, with the exception of six years that he lived in this city and two years at Clearwater, he had made his home up to the time of his death.

On November 3, 1886, he was united in marriage to Miss Leopoldine Steskal at Atkinson, Nebraska. To this union eleven children were born, ten of whom are living, seven sons and three daughters who, with their mother are left to mourn the death of a kind and loving husband and father. The children are: Sister Mary Jelenus, O'Neill; John J. August A., Thomas T., Henry L., William V., Daniel G., Michael A. and Helen K. of Atkinson, and sister Mary Antonella, of Eggertville, New York.

August Troshynski was a good citizen and one of this county's most successful farmers. He came to this county when it was a barren plain and started in to make a home for himself and his loved ones in the land of his adoption. He endured all the hardships and privations of the early pioneers and his success crowned his efforts and his last years were passed in ease and comfort surrounded by his loved ones and with the respect and love of his neighbors and friends. The many friends of the family extend their sympathy to the family in their hour of sorrow.

The funeral this morning was very largely attended, old time settlers from various parts of the county being in attendance to pay their last respects to their departed friend. Seven of the stalwart sons of the deceased acted as pallbearers.

THEIVES STEAL GASOLINE AND AUTO ACCESSORIES

There has been a lot of petty thieving going on in this city during the past week. Last Thursday evening, during a party at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. Burgess, a lot of the cars of their guests, that were parked around the house, were opened and property taken from the cars. Most of the cars had all the gasoline drained from them and a robe was taken from the car of Dr. Brown and one from the car of H. J. Birmingham. Last Saturday evening they took the heater from the car of Arthur Ryan, that was parked in his garage, and took a robe and a pair of horse blankets from the barn of George McNally. Will Martin lost all the gas out of his car and two blankets. The cars of C. D. Mullen and P. C. Donohoe were also drained while standing in their garages and a rim and spare tire was stolen from the car of J. P. Gallagher. There has been so much of this pilfering going on that it has become a nuisance and drastic measures of reprisal will be taken by any one who catches any one pilfering from cars or attempting to drain them.

Several of the local lovers of basketball went over to Butte last Friday and Saturday nights to boost the Cardinal and Saker ball team in their contest for the championship of this district. O'Neill people say that in the final game between Niobrara and St. Mary's that the latter team had most of the crowd boosting for them and their victory was a popular one.

BRIEFLY STATED

H. H. Haifner was up from Norfolk last Sunday.

L. C. Cain went to Omaha the first part of the week to enter a hospital for treatment.

Mrs. John Lydon and daughter are spending the week visiting relatives at Plainview.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hough visited relatives and friends at Norfolk the latter part of last week.

Mrs. George Agnes entertained four couples with a bridge party at her home last Sunday evening.

Ervin Sanders went down to Omaha last Wednesday morning where he will enter the University Hospital for medical treatment.

A new front is being placed in the Mellor building, in preparation for the new hardware store which will be opened therein in a few weeks.

Mrs. C. F. McKenna entertained the Martez Club last Tuesday evening. Mrs. John McManus, Mrs. F. N. Cronin and Mrs. Ira Moss were the evening's prize winners.

It is reported that one of the large chain stores of the country are dickering for the rental of the Gilligan building with the intention of establishing a 5, 10, 25 and \$1.00 store.

Howard Bauman, who went to Lincoln last week to enter the Veteran's Hospital for treatment expects to have an operation for the removal of his tonsils some time within the next few days.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Cronin entertained a few friends with a pinocle party at their home last Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Reardon won first prize while Dr. and Mrs. Brown took the booby prize.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Streeter were called to Brunswick, Nebr., last Friday, due the illness of Mr. Streeter's father. They returned home Tuesday morning. Mr. Streeter reports that his father's condition has improved.

G. A. Herrick, of Waterbury, Nebr., passed away at his home Sunday, March 5th. He was well known to many O'Neill people, having visited frequently at the home of his daughter Mrs. Elmer Surber, a former resident here, now living at Lincoln, Nebraska.

Last week R. M. Sauer's purchased the H. H. Haifner residence on west Douglas street. As Mr. Sauer owns the home in which he lives, the Haifner home was purchased as an investment as he has faith in the future advancement and prosperity of this city and county.

The Emmet Skillet Sisters Club met at the Wayman home last Thursday afternoon with all members present and four visitors. The main topic was making cheese. Mrs. Ben Wayman made a two pound cheese which will be sampled at the next meeting. Lovely refreshments were served.

The Tilden Bakery has rented the Naylor building, just east of Melvin's store, and will open a store therein on March 15th for the sale of their bakery goods. They operate a large bakery at Tilden and will do the baking there and deliver their products to the store here every morning.

Ben Harty has rented the Zimmerman building on east Douglas street and will move his laundry there about the middle of the month. Mr. Harty informs us that he has purchased some new and modern machinery which will be installed in the new building and when he gets started up in his new location will have as well equipped a laundry as there is in this section of the state.

This section was visited with a nice wet snow the latter part of last week. About six inches of snow fell, a lot of it last Saturday melting as it fell. Weather Observer Bowen says that there was seventy hundredth inches of moisture as a result of the snow. West of here the snow was much heavier, snow to the depth of several feet falling in certain parts of Wyoming and western South Dakota. Farmers say the snow fall here will be of much benefit to fall grain and it will put the ground in fairly good shape for spring planting.

CHICAGO MAYOR DIES

Mayor Anton J. Cermak, who was shot at Miami, Florida, some three weeks ago by Giuseppe Zangara, while the latter was attempting to assassinate President-elect Roosevelt, died at Miami last Monday morning.

Ten hours after the death of Cermak Zangara had been indicted by the grand jury for the first degree murder of Mayor Cermak.

ST. MARY'S TEAM WINS TOURNAMENT

Cardinals to Play Oakdale at Norfolk Next Week.

The basket ball conference games for this district were played at Butte last Friday and Saturday and at the end of the games the St. Mary's Cardinals emerged with the conference championship.

On Friday evening they played Bristow and emerged victorious with a score of 28 to 11.

On Saturday afternoon they played Lynch and were again victorious with a score of 37 to 12.

The finals were played Saturday night and St. Mary's was pitted against Niobrara. It was a nip and tuck game. At the start the boys from O'Neill seemed to be scared and at the end of the first quarter they seemed to be outclassed, but shortly after the opening of the second quarter they regained their courage and shot basket after basket until they had secured a good lead, which they maintained to the end, the game ending with a score of 29 to 26 in favor of St. Mary's.

Next week they go to Norfolk where they will play Oakdale and the winners of this battle will represent this section of the state at the annual tournament at Lincoln. Oakdale has a good strong team and they have not been defeated for the past three years, but the members of the Cardinals are of the opinion that the Antelope county team will not have an undefeated record after the tangle with the Cardinals next week.

At the conclusion of the games a conference team was selected and the St. Mary's team won two members on this team. Bennet Grady was the conference choice for center and Frances Soukup was the conference choice for forward on the all star team. On the second conference team Gene Gallagher of St. Mary's was selected to the guard position.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Little Shirley Mae Claussen celebrated her sixth birthday Saturday, March 4, 1933, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Claussen, by inviting 25 of her little friends and school mates to celebrate with her.

They played games and enjoyed themselves for several hours, after which she gave them all a treat, then the birthday cake was brought out and lit, and her little friends all joined in by singing happy birthday to Shirley Mae. The cake was then cut and all were given a piece. They are all wishing Shirley Mae many more happy birthday's.

FARM HOME BURNED

The farm home on the farm of Levi Hull, one and a half miles west of the Midway garage, burned to the ground last Wednesday afternoon. Earl Kuhns had been living on the place and had moved out that morning and Mr. Hull had intended moving into the house today. At the time of the fire, Mr. Hull was in this city. It is not known how the fire started. The other buildings on the place were saved. The house was partly covered by insurance.

The James Moore public sale, which was to have been held on March 14th, has been postponed until March 21st. The Mrs. George Simpson sale, which was to have been held next Thursday, has been postponed for one week, until Thursday, March 23rd.

NEW ELEVATOR IS

NEARING COMPLETION

E. D. Leach, whose elevator, which was located near the Northwestern depot, and which was destroyed by fire on the 31st day of last December, is having a new elevator erected on the Burlington Tracks. Work was commenced on the new elevator a week ago last Saturday and last Saturday the building was so far advanced that a load of corn was placed therein. The new building is 18x28 with 18 foot posts. E. D. Cornelius, local carpenter, had the contract for the erection of the building.

FARMERS' HOLIDAY ASS'N IS ORGANIZED IN HOLT COUNTY

Organization Formed at a Meeting Held in District Court Room Tuesday.

Memories of the early nineties were brought vividly to mind last Tuesday afternoon at the court house while we listened to an address delivered by a Mr. Green of Madison county, an organizer for the Farmers Holiday Association, who delivered an address of a couple of hours to a crowd of farmers that filled the court room, preliminary to the organization of a county unit of the organization.

Anton Soukup, of Page, was chairman of the meeting and introduced the speaker.

Memories of the early days were brought to mind when Mr. Green mentioned the crime of '73, which in the nineties was claimed to be responsible for all the ills that the people were then suffering from and the times then were even worse than they are today. In the old days they claimed that it would be impossible to have any prosperity in this country without the remonization of silver but we all know now that since that time we have had more prosperous times than ever before seen in this country, or any other.

During the course of his address he cited the various acts of the different administrations which he claimed had led to the final climax and the hard times which we are suffering from today. As the orators of old he laid the blame for all our ills upon the bankers of Wall street. He thought that a remedy would be for the government to issue bonds to the value of several million dollars and then issue paper money to the amount of the bonds and put the money in circulation. This he thought would quickly produce prosperous times. As the government is now considering the issuance of script it might be that this system will be given a trial.

Mr. Green was given careful attention throughout his address and was liberally applauded.

Many of the statements he made would be approved by every citizen of the state. There is no question but what the farmers of Nebraska, as well as every other state in the union, will have to receive higher prices for their products if they make both ends meet. For several years the farmers of the west have advocated higher prices for farm products but many in the manufacturing states of the east were of the opinion that the farmers could be left to shift for themselves but to protect the large manufacturing centers. Now they realize that if the farmers are not prosperous no one is and we are looking forward to a brighter future for the farmers of the nation.

The speaker said that it was the aim of their membership to settle all difficulties of their members, as well as others, by arbitration and not by submitting them to the courts of the state. Arbitration is a good way to settle differences of opinion, if both sides will submit to arbitration and there is nothing compulsory about it. When force is used then they infringe on a man's constitutional rights and violate the laws of the state. He stated that the people were the law. They are to a certain extent. That is the people elect the men who make the laws and they are to be obeyed and enforced until the people want them changed when they will elect men for the law making positions that will vote to change the laws of the state. In this way we will have law observance and the people will rule.

At the conclusion of the address a county organization was formed by the election of Fred Richter, of Opportunity, as chairman and Chris. Sorenson, secretary treasurer. The following were elected as members of the grievance committee: Fred Richter, James Van Every, O'Neill; Emil Block, Walnut; Roy Bain, O'Neill and Bob Tomlinson, Opportunity.

THE BRIDGE TOURNAMENT

At the bridge tournament at the Golden Hotel last Monday night Mrs. P. B. Harty and Mrs. C. F. McKenna were the winners on one side and Roy Griffin and J. D. Cronin the winners on the other side. The tournament continues to hold the attention of all the lovers of the game, in fact seems to become more popular as the tournament continues.